

The American Legion

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THE MAN WITH DOUBLE BRAIN

Hayward Thompson, Memory Shocked During World War, Writes With Both Hands.

The majority of us do well to write legibly with either of our hands, but when a man is found who can write with both hands simultaneously, and more than that—when he can write forward with one hand and backward with the other, it is evident that he has a perfect right to the title of "Mystery Man." Hayward Thompson, an ex-service man in Denver, Colo., is just such a man. Due to a severe injury to his head, received during the war, he has what is known as a "double brain." One side of this brain directs the writing of one hand while the other side governs the other hand.

Thompson's memory reaches back only to the time when he left a hospital some months ago. He remembers nothing of his life before that time. It was through the veterans' bureau that he established his identity as Hayward Thompson. Of his family, former friends, his work and home before the war and his activities during the war, he has been able to learn nothing. The veterans' bureau and the Colorado department of the American Legion have been making every effort to help Thompson learn of his past.

THE REAL UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Child of Streets, Picked Up by Kind-hearted Brothers, Never Knew Who He Was.

Tragic though the story is of a soldier whose identity was lost after his life had gone out on the field of battle and whose cross in Flanders simply says, "Unknown Soldier," his story is not shot through with such pathetic glory as is the story of a lad who never knew who he was and who gave his life for a country in which he had never known a mother's love or a father's pride. Every mother who does not know just where her son is buried, weeps over the grave of the unknown soldier, thinking that perhaps he is her son. Over the grave of the boy who has always been unknown there are no mourners.

A tiny bundle of humanity was picked up in a Baltimore street some twenty years ago; it was a baby boy. When after a thorough search, no one was found who would claim him, he was taken to be reared by two brothers, who gave him the name of Edward John Evangelist Smith. When he was old enough, they sent him to Mount Saint Mary's school to be educated. In 1917, before the boy's education was finished, a Marine recruiting officer visited Mount Saint Mary's. His story of the country's need for men caused "Smith," as he had come to be known, to enlist. He went overseas and took part in every engagement in which the Fifth regiment of marines participated. On the morning on which the armistice was signed, one of the last German bullets flying claimed "Smithy" as its victim.

WOUNDED ON ARMISTICE DAY

Buckeye Naval Officer Holds Distinction of Being Injured in Action After Close of War.

O. O. Rolf of Toledo, O., holds the unique distinction of being a United States naval officer wounded in action after the signing of the armistice which closed the World War. As a naval lieutenant and executive officer of a merchant ship, Rolf was severely wounded when his ship was fired on by a German submarine as it left La Pollis, France, on the afternoon of November 11, 1918.



After several months in hospitals in England and on the continent, Rolf returned to America and resumed the practice of law in Toledo.

Soldiers Classed With Idiots. Soldiers and sailors, along with felons, idiots and insane people are denied the right of suffrage in certain states of the Union, it is pointed out by a writer in the American Legion Weekly. He quotes from the World Almanac, which says that because of their occupation, soldiers and sailors are not allowed to vote in the following states: Indiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Texas and West Virginia.

WHO FOUND HER PHOTO?

Picture of Indiana Beauty, Lost on Battle Fields, Badly Wanted by the Owner.

What member of the army, navy or the dusty engineers, or the quartermaster corps, marine corps, tank corps, medics or balloon corps, etc., etc., who served overseas during the World War ever found a photograph similar to the one reproduced here? If that member of the etc., etc., will surrender it to its owner, who prizes it most highly for sentimental reasons, naturally, two hearts will beat violently as one.



The photograph is that of Miss Harriet Flinn of Indiana. It was carried next his heart by her soldier sweetheart, and in the well-known tumult and confusion of a battle around Chateau Thierry, or at St. Mihiel, or in the Argonne, or while his baggage was being very considerably cared for some place far back of the lines, the photograph was lost. Men who went through the same mill will know that neglect didn't lose the photo, but, as some one has so well said, but few girls got into those battles.

EIGHTEEN HOURS IN WATER

Philip Burger, Legion Man of Troy, Wears Decoration From Portuguese Government.

Spending eighteen hours holding to the edge of a life raft in icy water after saving a shipmate's life, made Philip J. Burger eligible for the unusual honor of a decoration from the Portuguese government and the American Distinguished Service medal. Burger was a second class gunner's mate on the American destroyer Jacob Jones, when she was torpedoed by a German submarine off Lands End, England, in December, 1917. Burger and the shipmate whose life he saved were among the few survivors picked up by a British warship after eighteen hours in the water.

He is now receiving vocational training in his home city, Troy, N. Y., and is a mainstay in the Noble Callahan post of the American Legion at Troy.



NO JOB, GIVES HIS BLOOD

Former Service Man of Omaha Aids Sufferer and His Own Family at Same Time.

The heroic spirit of man has not always been born under the shadow of awe-inspiring mountains, on the rock-bound coast of the sea or in the busy, crowded ways of a great city. Fred W. Smith of Omaha has never lived in the presence of those magnificent and noble works of God or man. In fact, his days have been spent on an unromantic Nebraska farm, in an Omaha packing plant and in the kitchen of a base hospital in France.

But these things have not kept him from being the true hero. Not long ago, when a man was dying in an Omaha hospital, and the doctors believed that a pint of human blood might save his life, Fred Smith went immediately to the hospital and offered to let as much blood as was needed be taken from his body. "I was strong and a little blood didn't mean much to me if it would save the other fellow's life," he said.

His act gained all the more commendation because he had a wife and two small children to support and was out of a job.

Carrying On With the American Legion

A tourist park for tired Fordsters is projected by the American Legion post of Tracy, Minn.

To give the town a thorough cleaning and brightening up for the summer, each member of the Legion post of Villard, Minn., donated a day's work.

A new definition of the well-known army phrase "S. O. L." has been evolved by the Douglas county Legionnaires of Omaha, Neb. It is "Staying Outa Legion."

At Grant's Tomb in New York a tree has been transplanted from the dooryard of the General's old home in Missouri by the Legion and the American Forestry association.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR JULY 16

THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL.

LESSON TEXT—Dan. 5:1-31. GOLDEN TEXT—God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.—Eccl. 12:14.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Gen. 19:1-28; Exod. 14:21-31; Ezek. 31:1-14; Acts 12:20-28.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Daniel Tells the King of His Wrong-Doing. JUNIOR TOPIC—Belshazzar's Feast and Fate.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Judgment Against King Alcohol. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—How to Enforce the Judgment Against Strong Drink.

I. Belshazzar's Impious Feast (vv. 1-4).
1. Who attended (vv. 1, 2). Belshazzar, his wife and concubines and a thousand of his lords.
2. Behavior thereat (vv. 3, 4). (1) They drank wine; they engaged in revelry. (2) They committed sacrilege. In their drunken revelry they drank wine out of the sacred vessels which had been taken out of the temple, of the house of God, which was at Jerusalem. When men are under the influence of intoxicating liquors they lose all regard for sacred things. (3) They worshiped idols. They prayed to gods of gold and of silver, of brass, of iron, wood and stone.

II. The Handwriting on the Wall (vv. 5-16).
1. The time of (v. 5). It occurred in the same hour in which they were engaged in their drunken revelry.
2. The effect upon the king (v. 6). He was greatly disturbed; he was seized with consternation. "The joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another."
3. The king's behavior (vv. 7-10). (1) He called forth astrologers and soothsayers, offering rewards of gold and position (v. 7-9). Their utter inability to interpret the writing left the king even worse perplexed. (2) Daniel brought at the suggestion of the queen (v. 10-16). The queen here was perhaps the wife of Nebuchadnezzar who remembered Daniel's service in interpreting his dream. For that reason he was sent for and promised great reward.

III. Daniel Interprets the Writing (vv. 17-28).
1. Daniel's address to the king (vv. 17-24). He brushes aside his promised gifts (v. 17). He would not have his speech limited by the king's gifts.
2. The interpretation of the writing (vv. 25-28). (1) "Mene" means "numbered" (v. 26). "God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it." (2) "Tekel" means "weighed" (v. 27). "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." (3) "Peres" means "divided" (v. 28). "Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

IV. The Judgment Executed (vv. 29-31).
In that night was Belshazzar slain and Darius the Median took the kingdom. The Chaldean dynasty ended with Belshazzar. So we may interpret this whole scene as pointing to the conditions at the close of the times of the Gentiles and as adumbrating the prevailing conditions. Let us note:

1. The stupidity of men. They, like people today, would not learn by example. Nebuchadnezzar's fate should have deterred Belshazzar from such frivolity.
2. The magnificent splendor. This great feast was characterized by pomp, display, parade. How characteristic of this age!
3. Luxury. The famous hanging gardens of Babylon were a noteworthy example. Signs of luxury today are on every hand.

4. Licentiousness. The king with his wives and concubines. This is notoriously prevalent today.
5. Blasphemous sacrilege. And may not the sacrilege of today be in excess of theirs, expressing itself in (1) a profession of religion for pecuniary gain, social and political preferment; (2) use of the pulpit and of the ministry for display and notoriety, even for the propagation of false doctrine; (3) uniting with the church, attending the communion, so as to cover up secret sins; (4) the use of the Word of God to give point to a joke; (5) denying that the Bible is God's Word, making it a book of errors, myths and legends; (6) sneering at the Virgin birth, repudiating Christ's deity and setting aside His vicarious atonement.
6. Drunken carousals. The handwriting is on the wall. God will not endure this forever; His judgment shall fall. Conditions in the world indicate that the time is drawing near. Are you ready?

Aspiration.
What we truly aspire to be, that in some sense we are. The mere aspiration, by changing the frame and spirit of the mind, for the moment realizes itself.—Mrs. Jameson.

Binds Volume of the Week.
Sunday is the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week.—Longfellow.

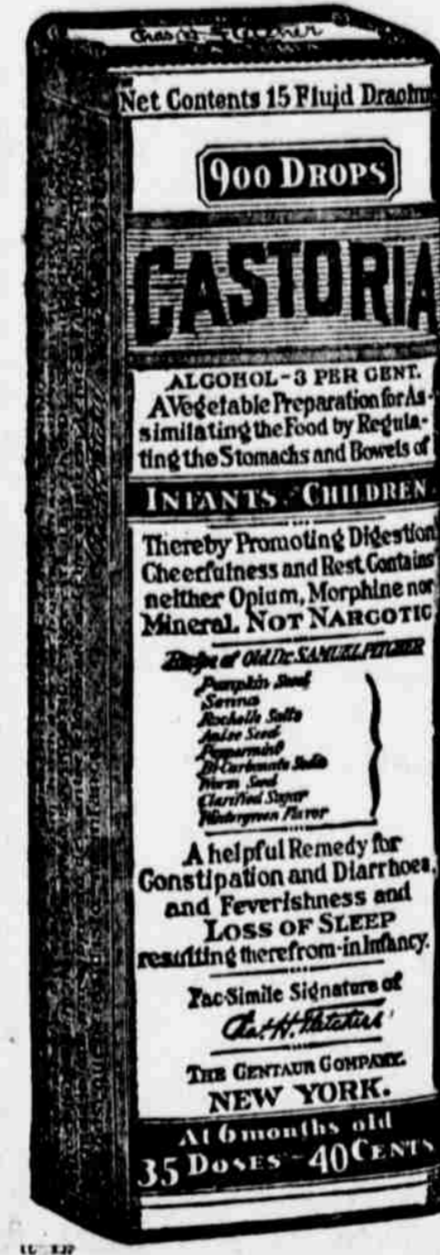
Injuries.
Slight small injuries and they become none at all.—Fuller.

The Young Mother.

THE ILLS OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN should be so well known to the youngest of mothers that a reminder or a repetition of the symptoms of illness seems unnecessary, yet there are some mothers who overlook a feverish condition, a little colic, or a disposition to be irritable. If not corrected they may lead to serious sickness. And to correct them, to bring Baby back to its happy self, is so easy by the use of Castoria—a medicine prepared just for infants and children. It will regulate the bowels (not force them), aid digestion and so bring quiet and rest.

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